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Lover house February the 13th 1674.

This house desires the Captain General that in case of War with the Indians he would acquaint this house what Quantity of Arms and Ammunition he hath in present Readiness for such an Expedition —

In Answer where to his Excellency doth Appear the Lover house that he shall have Arms in Readiness for two hundred Men of Ammunition for more

15th February Upper house

This house desires that the Lover house will take into their Consideration the Inconveniences and Mischiefs that have happened for want of a Law in this Province empowering the Chief Judge for Probate of Wills and Testaments to grant Letters of Administration upon Good Security given by such persons who for Conscience sake cannot Swear, and together with this Message do send a Petition Addressed to them wherein the Sufferings of a certain Widow the Petitioner are Saeily Represented, Whereupon this house do desire the Lover house to prepare a Law for the future. Remedying of the Mischiefs and Inconveniences aforesaid —

The house is Adjourned till 9 of the Clock to Morrow Morning —

Tuesday the 16th of February the house mett —

Present

{ The Chancellor of Saml. Chen Esq^r. —
Secretary — { Tho. Trueman Esq^r.
Surveyor Generall } Thomas Taylor Esq^r.

This house is Adjourned till two of the Clock in the Afternoon —

The house mett in the Afternoon —

Present

{ Chancellor of Mr. Trueman of
Secretary } Mr. Taylor
Sur Gen^r { Mr. Taylor }

The Petition of John Long of London Merchant read, Presented to by the upper house and Ordered to be sent Down —

Mr. Taylor sent with the Widow Warner's Petition and a Message endorsed thereon the 15th of February —

Lover house 16th February —

Put to the Vote in this house whether 25. Tobacco £. Poll to be Collected the next year and Deposited in his Excellency's hand will be sufficient to sustain the Charge of the War with the Indians if it should so happen until the Assembly can be called to Supply further; It was by the Major part voted Sufficient, Whereupon Ordered that a Message be sent to the upper house with the said Vote and Humbly to desire them to consider the same and to their Opinions concerning the same to this house —

Upper house February 17th

This house desire to be informed by the Lover house what is fit to be done with the Susquehannah Indians who are said to be now at Patagans River —